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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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: ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION

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FOR: PROCESS AND DEVICE FOR THE
SEQUENTIAL ADDRESSING OF
THE INPUTS OF A MULTIPLEXER...~~SEARCHED~~
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SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-12 without prejudice.

Please add new Claims 13-24 as follows:

13. (New) Process for sequential addressing of inputs of a multiplexer that includes plural stages of switches from its inputs to its output and that is addressed at a level of each stage of switches by an elementary counter provided with a counting input, with a reinitialization input, with counting outputs controlling the switches of a relevant stage and with an overflow output, and chained to the elementary counters of lower stages of switches

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